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# Victims' families speak out against police brutality

By Jean H. Pierre  
Staff Writer

NEW YORK — Many would agree that a moment for change in a society starts with young people. In the 60s it was young people who would go out to the streets to protest the war, the civil rights. Three decades later its young people on the front line fighting for educational opportunities and police misconduct. This rang loud and clear at Columbia University's International Affairs Building

March 13 as The International Socialist Organization held a conference on police brutality.

We have a problem growing in this country and that is vile cops in our neighborhoods," says John Lincoln, a freshman at Columbia University. "I fear for my life when I drive or walk the streets of the city. It's like those Bugs Bunny cartoons when he settles into a location and realizes its rabbit season and shots ring out. Same feeling." The conference gave the audience and family members of

police brutality a forum to tell their stories and offer solutions to the growing problem effecting the country, including the New York/New Jersey area. "People would say to me I found justice, but I would say 'what justice?' We have a murderer sitting in the jail not doing one day for murder," said Iris Baez, whose son Anthony was murdered by New York Police Officer Francis Livotti — who's doing seven years in prison — in 1986. "We have to do something about this. If we can't draw a line

against this problem then we're in trouble." Dorothy Elliott of Maryland spoke of her son Archie Elliott III being shot to death 22 times while in handcuffs six years ago. "My son posed no threat to anyone including the police (Prince Georges County, Md.), so people ask me why 22 times I say why one time," said Elliott, who continues to petition the removal of the officers who killed her son in the Maryland suburban district. "The Justice Department is not about justice. Like what every immigrant

he wanted the dream," said Diallo, who hopes the officers are brought to trial. "We have to fight for justice against the police. It's about us and them. It begins now."

Amadou Diallo, the cousin of victim with the same name who was killed by the NYPD last February, spoke emotionally about his cousin's dream to succeed in America. "My cousin was a peaceful man. He was so sincere and unselfish. Like what every immigrant

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Afterwards, members of the audience spoke at length in regards to police brutality. Corey Daniels, a student at NYU said it best. "This is America. We're supposed to be setting the standard for the world. Look at us, we can't control our own officers from shooting innocent people. What a country!"

# Fellowships, nurture, diversity, in Medicine

By Gilda Rogers  
Staff Writer

PRINCETON — It was a medical breakthrough — well not quite. But the sight of over 300 high school and medical students along with their mentors in the ranks of physicians, research scientists, and medical academia nationwide gathered at Bristol Myers Squibb, certainly led one to believe that we're in for one — a medical breakthrough.

Thirty-two of the best and brightest stars on the medical horizon, presented developing biomedical research to all those attending the annual symposium of The Fellowship Program in Academic Medicine for Minority Students, which was held March 10-12. Fellowship recipient, Dorothy Rocourt, a senior medical student at The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, explored clinical applications in the cause of sleep apnea and sudden infant death syndrome, also known as SIDS. Fellow student Roderick Claybrooks, from Wayne State University, use of the neo-gene in his research is geared toward the future in the area of gene therapy and surgery.

These students demonstrated a wealth of knowledge, poise and confidence in delivering their presentations. Erica Marsh, a Richmond, Va. native in her third year at Harvard Medical School, was named the recipient of a board-certified physician. "As you can see, it has beautiful temperature and TSI levels. We do what looks to be a nice rhythm," she said referring to the slide presentation, which focuses on reproductive endocrinology or the human reproductive system was her area of research.

Sponsor, Bristol Myers Squibb in conjunction with the National Medical Foundation, over the course of the three-day event reinforced their commitment, as the proving ground for excellence and nurturing diversity in the medical world while improving the quality of health. What better place to start than with youth. Many of who, without the support of BMS and NMF, otherwise, would not have the opportunity to become their dreams.

The NMF has awarded 23,000 scholarships to medical students who are now some of the leading doctors and scientists in the world. Said NMF president, Vivian Fox Manning. Indeed, world-renowned neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin Carson, at John Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore was such a beneficiary of an NMF scholarship.

The intimate setting of the morning round tables teemed with high school students like Karma Smith, Maria Jamin and Jacinta Bennett, all



1st (row)-Dr. Kamal Khan, Marcel Gardner-Spates and Natasya Parker. 2nd (row)-: Anita Russell, Jacinta Bennett, and Karma Scott. 3rd (row)-: Ludwig Jean, Yarnia Baez and Kasha Smith. 4th (row)-: Grannie Augustine, Dr. Cato Laurencin and Ricardo Gonzales.

through a series of things. I was amazed at his background. Bennett, a sophomore at Plainfield High School, honestly admitted to not liking math and science but said she is currently enrolled in a program at school that is helping her to change her attitude toward the subjects. Russell commended the young student on her effort in overcoming what she considered to be a fear of math and science as opposed to not liking it.

Grannie Augustine, who is also a research scientist for BMS personal testament of working three jobs during college echoed the will to do what's necessary in order to achieve. But it was Dr. Cato Laurencin, a former NMF scholarship recipient, who told it to the students like it is: "Never make a decision based on money," said the Princeton graduate. "You have to be the person who aims high, higher than you think you can go. If you aim high you help facilitate what goes on around you. If you are aggressive things will happen."

These sessions were designed to give the students one-on-one insight into the world of medicine and research. Topics discussed varied from, how to conquer the dreaded fear of math and science, asking for help, the financial aspect of attending medical school to the almighty perseverance test.

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pepper the colorful pages that document little-known historic sites from all sections of the Garden State.

"A lot of people, even in the (immediate) areas, didn't know these things were there," said Carl Smith, executive vice president and chief operating officer of the New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission, who surveyed black.

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There is information about Maxine's, a home of black music and cuisine in Trenton, where the handsome publication was unveiled on March 12. Similar night spots are included as well. In Middlesex County, the grave of Thomas Mundy Peterson honors the first black person to vote in an election under the provisions of the Fifteenth Amendment in 1870.

Peterson, who was born in



One of the twenty-nine pages in New Jersey's African-American heritage guide featuring children getting their face painted at Newark's festival of people.

Metuchen and lived until 1904, is featured in a short profile. So are headliner Count Basie, Florence Spearing Randolph, Oliver Cromwell and others. Underground Railroad leader Harriet Tubman, who spent her first three summers as a free woman working in Cape May.

"African Americans are a significant component of the United

# Rev. Buster Soaries wrestles with 'toughest decision' on Cabinet post

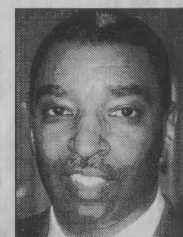
By Carl Chase  
Staff Writer

When Rev. Buster Soaries was asked to serve as New Jersey's secretary of state, the first black man ever to hold the position, it became the hardest decision of his adult life after deciding to get married.

He worried, "Would my being a member of the administration sully my ability to be a legitimate advocate for the African-American community? Would I constantly be torn between my loyalties?" Soaries said this to his ministry? "What would he preach and speak throughout the country."

"I sense that many people assume that not only wasn't it a hard decision but that I worked to get asked," which was not the case, he said. "I had to look at my own spirituality, if having this much responsibility would hinder my ability to stay close to God and to have integrity," said Soaries, who was still fielding questions about his condemnation of Rev. Henry Lyons, convicted of stealing money from the National Baptist Convention. "I've seen many people with power and responsibility just lose it spiritually. Just look at Henry Lyons," he said. So he immediately asked his wife, a staunch Democrat. She thought it was a good idea, as did numerous church advisors, Democratic allies and nearly everyone he consulted, said Soaries, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newark Gardens, father of two and a Franklin Park resident.

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Secretary of State, DeForest Soaries

"What I always have to figure out is, do any of these impact my values. If the realization of being secretary of state can't affect my values, affect who I am, then I can't be secretary of state."

As it turns out, he said, "In terms of being who I am and saying what I believe, there's been no pressure on me from the governor or anyone else." "The greatest advantage is that the major decisions made by the governor are with her being advised by her close advisors. Even if my view doesn't prevail, it will always be considered."

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# NJ Legislators hold hearing on childhood education

By Jean H. Pierre  
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NEWARK — You've heard the old saying "a mind is a terrible thing to waste," well that rang true at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Newark Wednesday, March 17 as child-care providers and parents stated their cases to New Jersey's Senate legislators to implement early childhood education.

Senators Ron Rice (D-28th Dist.), William Gormley (R-2nd Dist.), Norman Rosenberg (R-34th Dist.), and Robert Martin (D-36th Dist.) listened intently as area child experts and parents testified about the importance early childhood education has on a child's development. "We're talking about the progress of our kids succeeding at every stage of their lives from the moment they are born," said Janice Evans, a mother of two from Irvington. "I've dreamed of this day coming for so long. Every child will finally get what they need." The hearing focused on the importance and need of childhood education as it seeks to develop a model school program for urban school children.

Last year, the New Jersey Supreme Court ordered the state (Abbott v. Burke decision) to provide half-day preschool programs for three- and four-year-olds in Abbott districts like Newark and Irvington. "Today's hearing should help us take steps to close this gap and make sure urban youngsters receive the same educational opportunities as their non-urban counterparts," said Sen. Rice.

The decision also recommended the state to do the following: a maximum class size of 15 students, a Dept. of Education state certified teacher and teaching assistant in each class, and a continuous program of high quality and professional development. Audrey West, Chairperson of the Education Committee of New Jersey Head Start spoke passionately about the issue. "These are your children and my children. Abbott all about better. We will not stand for anyone to make distinctions on our children," said West. "This is not about Republican versus Democrat, it's about what our children need across the state. We will do everything we can to make this happen."

The decision goes into effect in September, so far the state has approved the implementation. Recently, Sen. Rice introduced a bill, S-1740, to provide \$100 million in additional early-childhood education program aid to fund certified teachers in Abbott v. Burke district daycare center preschool classes. Marvin Henderson of Newark said, "This is the time to move forward and give our children the best possible education. It's up to us."

# Guide reveals African-American attractions

By Carl Chase  
Staff Writer

TRENTON — Well-known cultural bonanzas in New Jersey, from the African-American Heritage Parade & Festival in May to the famous Newark Black Film Festival, are only the tip of a great iceberg. There's so much more to black heritage here, yet it's getting easier to find.

The new African-American Heritage guide to New Jersey reveals attractions throughout the state that give black tourists what they want: black pathways to the history, pride and accomplishments that distinguish African-American communities.

"Our traditions, entwined in every echelon of New Jersey, reveal the courageous past and promising future that is uniquely African-American," Secretary of State DeForest B. Soaries writes to readers of the 29-page guidebook. "Our story must be shared with our children and all people, for it is a story that enhances self-worth and demonstrates the power of unity and determination. It is a story of humanity that should compel groups and individuals to make a difference."

Famous black New Jerseyans

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# Community Calendar

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

**WAYNE** — William Paterson University presents an art exhibit of computer designs and images at the Ben Shahn Galleries located on the campus of William Paterson University beginning at 4 p.m. (973) 720-2871.

**NEW YORK** — The Jacksonia Company presents the off-broadway musical *Roller* on the T.O.B.A. at the El Kal Klub beginning at 8 p.m. (212) 221-9351.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 25

**WESTFIELD** — The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County will discuss vegetable gardening and harvesting at the Union County Administration Building Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. (908)654-9854.

**MONTCLAIR** — The International film festival at Montclair State University presents "Danzon," a Mexican/Spanish production directed by Maria Novaro beginning at 4:30 p.m. (973) 555-4482.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 26

**BARKING HORSE** — Preview wildlife paintings, drawings and sculptures of over 25 artists at the Somerset County Park Commission Environmental Education Center. (908)766-2489.

**MORRISTOWN** — The Morris Museum's John H. Bickford Theatre presents a Pulitzer prize-winning drama about the reunion of a high school basketball team and their coach entitled *The Championship Season*. (973)538-8089.

**EAST BRUNSWICK** — Veggie Singles Events presents the NJ house and yard party with lots of vegan food, live music and tarot card readings at 155 Fern Rd. beginning at 7:00 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27

**CHESTER** — Alstede Farms presents an Easter egg hunt for families beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 879-7189.

**NEWARK** — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents jazz artist Carrie Jackson at the Theater Square Grill located inside the NJPAC beginning at 8:30 p.m. 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

**NEWARK** — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) presents Labor of Love: The Life of Sarah Vaughan, a tribute concert on the legendary jazz singer beginning at 8 p.m. 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

**PENNSVILLE** — 5th Annual Easter egg hunt at Fort Mott State Park for kids. "Meet the Easter Bunny" (908)935-3216.

**PISCATAWAY** — The Alliance of Concerned Citizens will be hosting an Oldies Dance beginning from 9:00 p.m. at the Holmes Marshall Firehouse, 5300 Deborah Drive. (732)572-6880.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 28

**MILLVILLE** — The doll makers show and sale demonstrations features antique, collectible and artist dolls at the Wheaton Village on Wade Blvd. (800)998-4552.

**JERSEY CITY** — The Jazz Society of Jersey City presents its annual tribute to women in jazz series featuring the Ronnell Bay Quartet at the public library. (201) 547-4505.

**LONG BRANCH** — Youngsters and parents invited to Monmouth County Park System's "Mom and dad and me by the sea," a nature program for parents and their youngsters ages 3 - 5 beginning at 10 a.m. (732)842-4000.

## MONDAY, MARCH 29

**NEWARK** — The 1999 Mayor's Basketball Tournament is being held through March 31st. Applications are available at 94 William St., 2nd floor. (973) 753-6456.

**COLTS NECK** — Monmouth County

Park System presents "April Fool's Day Treats" at the Dorbrook Visitor Center, Rt. 527. Chef Anne Sterling will show participants how to create sweets that will fool their families. (732) 842-4000.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 30

**JERSEY CITY** — New Jersey City University (NJCU) will hold a day long conference on Affirmative Action at the Student Union Building beginning at 8:15 a.m. (201) 200-3426.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

**NEWARK** — The Organizing for Community Development will hold its spring cycle of the "Grassroots School of Grant writing." The program will train individuals to identify funding opportunities preparing grant proposals. The program will take place at Clear View Baptist Church. Call (732) 932-3358 for time.

**NEW YORK** — The Greater New York Dealers Association presents the Seventh Annual National Automotive Technology Competition to hold at this year's New York International Auto Show at the Jacob Javits Center. Call (212) 677-3070 for time.

**JERSEY CITY** — New Jersey State University presents Joan Silber, author of *Household Words* and *In the City*, in "The Contemporary Memoir: Remembering Stories, Transforming History," beginning at 12:00 p.m. (201)200-3337.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 2

**PLAINFIELD** — NJ Golden Gloves returns! The historic event will take place at the Plainfield High school gym on 950 Park Ave. beginning at 8:00 p.m. (908)591-0123.

**MENLO PARK** — "It's the Easter Beagle, Charlie Brown," will be featured at Zany Brains store at Menlo Park Mall beginning at 7:00 p.m. for children ages four and up.

## TUESDAY, APRIL 6

**WESTFIELD** — Does your child seem to always need your attention? Learn to help your kids behave with author Cynthia Whitham and The Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County beginning at 7:00 p.m. (908)654-9854.

**MENLO PARK** — Get ready for Easter with Zany Brains fun. Youngsters develop vocabulary and learn that reading is fun with Board Book Buddies beginning at 10:30 a.m. at Menlo Park Mall.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 8

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will present a free public seminar on discrimination in the workplace at New Jersey Law Center beginning at 7 p.m. (732) 937-7518.

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will hold a mock trial conference for elementary school teachers at the New Jersey Law Center 9:30 a.m. (732)937-7519.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 15

**NEWARK** — *Amsterdam News* editor and publisher, Elinor Tatum is the keynote speaker of Newark's 12th Annual Holocaust Commemoration beginning at 12:00 p.m. at North Reformed Church, 510 Broad St.

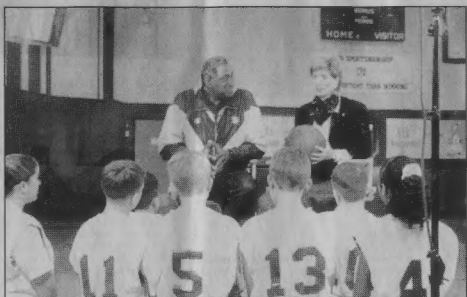
## SATURDAY, APRIL 17

**BAYSHORE** — The Monmouth County Park System will hold an Earth Day celebration at McMahon Park beginning at 10 a.m. (732) 975-9735.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 22

**CRANFORD** — Union County College will hold a lecture on biology and biomedical issues that will impact urban communities at the college's student center. Call (908) 709-7503.

## Governor Whitman and NBA Hall-of-Famer Willis Reed team up



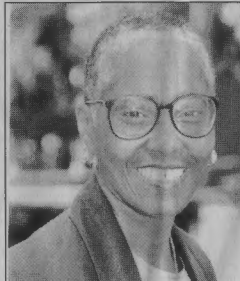
Governor Christie Whitman joined NBA great Willis Reed to urge low and moderate-income working families to apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit when they fill out their 1998 federal income tax returns. The former Knicks basketball star and Whitman will star in public service announcements together as part of a major public awareness campaign to increase awareness of the tax credit.

## Radio host reaches out to the youth



Popular Philly 103.9 cool out host Tim Greene has just produced the new book "Education With Ghetto Dialect," by Monica D. Haynes. The book tells of the realities of the inner city while speaking in a language that today's hip hop generation can definitely understand.

## Bloomfield College celebrates Diversity Week



Dr. Cheryl Evans will perform "Pearl of Great Price," as part of Bloomfield College's Diversity Week Celebration. In this tender and powerful one-hour performance, Dr. Evans will guide the audience through a journey of personal discovery, recalling the steps of her ancestors, the steps of her youth, and the continuing steps of her own courageous soul.

## McDonald's presents national parents of the year awards



McDonald's National Parenting Conference presents a tribute to three extraordinary parent role models who received the McDonald's Parents Award. Pictured front row, from left: Paula Perkins of Akron, Ohio, Mother of the Year; Abdulhadi Yaqid Shakoor of Philadelphia, Father of the Year; Shantele Jenkins of Miami, a foster parent of five. Parent of the Year, from left: National Parenting Conference President and co-founder Malsha Gibson, co-founders Abe Thompson and Theresa Cropper. Also pictured are Thomas Frawley, director, Disney Minority Business Affairs and Joe Woods, manager, McDonald's Communications.

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BUSINESS & JOB EXPO 2000

Will you get your share of the Billion\$ for business and jobs?

Don't miss **Business & Job Expo 2000**. Designed to help business owners and residents, specifically those who are located in urban centers, learn about the billions of dollars in business and job opportunities, this Expo is a must attend, especially if you are looking to do business at the airport or in the construction industry.

**Business Expo 2000** gives you an opportunity to let corporations, state, county, city agencies, and non-profit organizations know about your products and services. In addition, you have access to business builder sessions and business coaching to fit your business needs. You will leave this Expo with knowledge, a list of projects with contact names and numbers to follow up. At the Expo you will meet with purchasing offices and companies looking to do business with companies like yours. Free continental breakfast and lunch only to Business Expo registrants. Enrollment is limited to first come, first serve.

Pre-registration is required.

**Job Expo 2000** gives urban residents an opportunity to learn about available job opportunities, possible careers, employment trends and knowledge of available technology training. If you took the buyout package, were downsized, rightsized, outsized or just looking for new possibilities, then you want to attend Job Expo 2000.

No pre-registration required.

**April 12, 1999**  
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Newark Airport Marriott Hotel

**Admission is free.**  
Call (908) 754-3400  
Fax (908) 753-1036

### Business Expo Registration

#### Tentative Agenda

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## Nation Briefs

### FIRST BLACK WOMAN TO COMMAND A NAVY COMBAT VESSEL

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Cmdr. Michelle Howard has become the first black woman in Navy history to command a combat vessel.

The military is the best equal opportunity employer in the United States," she said after assuming command of the amphibious dock landing ship Rushmore.

The Rushmore and its crew of 19 officers and 250 enlisted men and women is expected to deploy to the Persian Gulf in June.

The ship, which carries hundreds of Marines, air-cushion landing craft, amphibious assault vehicles and other equipment, also becomes the first combat ship with women holding the top two command positions — commanding officer and executive officer.

Through World War II, the Navy was segregated with blacks serving as mess attendants. There is now an African-American four-star admiral, the Navy's highest rank.

Women have been eligible to serve aboard ships for the past 20 years, but only during the past five years on combatant vessels.

### PRESIDENT CLINTON NAMES NEW YORK NATIVE AS ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON — The President nominated Bill Lann Lee as Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division at the Dept. of Justice. Lee, of New York, Los Angeles, California, serves as the Acting Attorney General for Civil Rights at the Dept. of Justice. Lee was designated to that position on Dec. 15, 1997 by the Attorney General. Lee is one of the country's leading civil rights attorneys, with a long and distinguished history of defending the rights of all Americans. Lee has spent his 25-year legal career seeking equal opportunity for all people and working diligently against discrimination in all forms, including in employment, housing, voting and education. Lee has extensive experience in many areas of civil rights law, including employment discrimination, access to health care, prevention of lead poisoning in poor children, access to public transportation, and equal access to education.

Lee was born and raised in New York City, where his parents owned a small laundry. He credits his late father, who experienced bigotry despite his proud military service to his country, with providing the inspiration for a career in civil rights law.

### GREENSPAN SPEAKS OUT AGAINST LENDING DISCRIMINATION

WASHINGTON (AP) — Discrimination by lenders against minority-owned small businesses is bad for the economy, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said. Recent studies "have found discrepancies in the turnaround rates" for small business loans and "not all of these differences are readily explained by income, balance sheet factors, or credit histories," he said in a speech prepared for a Federal Reserve research conference in Arlington, Va.

More research needs to be done, he said, "but if, after such examination, the gap persists, it raises disturbing questions."

"To the extent that market participants discriminate — consciously or, more likely unconsciously — credit does not flow to its most profitable uses and the distribution of output is distorted. In the end, costs are higher, less real output is produced, and national wealth accumulation is slowed," he said. Discrimination-free lending, he said, "can generate higher returns on capital and other productive resources."

"It is important for lenders to understand that failure to recognize the profitable opportunities represented by minority enterprises not only harms these firms, it harms the lending institutions and, ultimately, robs the broader economy of growth potential," he said.

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## Civil rights leaders call march for justice

By Denise Rolark Barnes

(NPA) — In response to the recent police killings of Amadou Diallo in New York City and Tyisha Miller in Riverside, Calif., national black leaders are calling on all victims of police violence and their families to join in a National March For Justice in Washington, D.C. on April 3.

The march was announced at a press conference held recently at the National Press Club, where leaders of national organizations joined together to say "enough is enough."

Their remarks were directed to President Bill Clinton who was called on to intervene in "a national epidemic of police violence," by police officers. The group was called together by Hugh Price, president of the National Urban League, who had an appeal to Clinton to get "personally involved in an issue that needs the president's leadership."

Price declared that "recurrent instances of improper use of deadly force, excessive use of force, racial profiling, abuse of basic civil liberties, and routine harassment of minorities who have done nothing or nothing wrong, are vivid signs of a national epidemic of police brutality."

He called on President Clinton to convene a White House summit this spring to place the national spotlight on the problem; dispatch a blue ribbon panel armed with subpoena power, to conduct public hearings to ferret out evidence of police brutality; take legal action against departments that repeatedly brutalize and abuse people by placing police departments in receivership and investigate practices of racial profiling.

Attorney Johnnie Cochran, Rev. Al Sharpton, NAACP Executive

Rican Senate Majority Leader Rodriguez, who is also a member of NPP, referred to the Marchers' message as "anti-Puerto Rican."

Amil Acevedo-Vila, President of the PDP, Puerto Rico's main opposition party, told the local press that the Marchers are a law enforcement problem, not a political problem.

"I believe that the law enforcement authorities have to give this matter the appropriate attention," said the PDP leader.

Puerto Rican Governor Pedro Rosello has described the Marchers as a marginal and insignificant group whose methods are repudiated by the local and state governments.

"It is not the option or voice of fringe groups of few members who determine the direction of our society," he said.

He also declared that the government of Puerto Rico and the Clinton administration were not prepared to negotiate with terrorists.

Rosello, who recently visited Washington, told the Puerto Rican press that he refuses to be intimidated by the letter and that he will not take additional security measures.

In January, the FBI raised the reward for the capture of Marcher leader Filiberto Ojeda from \$150,000 to \$500,000.

The Marchers' threat should not "discourage anyone from our objective of achieving equality for Puerto Ricans through the democratic process," said Carlos Romero-Barcelo, former Puerto Rican Governor and NPP member. Romero-Barcelo is currently a member of the U.S. Congress as Puerto Rico's non-voting representative.

## President denounces police misconduct

By Kevin Galvin

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Expressing concern that recent charges of police misconduct could undermine the fight against crime, President Clinton called for "renewed determination as a nation" to restore trust between the public and law enforcement.

"I have been deeply disturbed by recent allegations of serious police misconduct and continued reports of racial profiling that have shaken some communities' faith in the police who are there to protect them," Clinton said.

Recent questionable shootings by police that took the lives of young blacks in New York, Pittsburgh and Riverside, Calif., have revived debate about how officers handle confrontations with minorities. In New Jersey, state troopers have come under fire for conducting traffic stops based on a driver's race — so-called racial profiling.

Leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the National Council of La Raza, the National Asian Pacific American Legal Consortium and other groups have called on Clinton to speak out against police brutality and withhold federal funds from departments with poor records.

The president used his weekly radio address to speak to those concerns. He also offered a series of federal initiatives and policy suggestions designed to bolster public confidence in law enforcement.

Clinton vowed the steady drop in crime nationwide since his administration began promoting community policing. But he cautioned that those advances could be undermined if public trust in the police waned.

"While each specific allegation will have to be dealt with on its own merits, it is clear that we need a renewed determination as a nation to restore those bonds of trust that have been abjectly critical to our success at lowering the crime rate," he said.

New Jersey Sen. Frank Lautenberg commended Clinton for denouncing racial profiling of



Pres. Bill Clinton

motorists and called on the Justice Department to expedite its investigation of the practice in New Jersey and elsewhere.

To enhance relations between the police and citizens, the president said he would instruct the Justice Department to expand police ethics training at 30 regional community policing centers. He proposed a \$40 million funding increase to improve police training nationwide.

He also called for a nationwide program to help more communities establish "Citizen Police Academies" to acquaint citizens with the work of law enforcement, and \$2 million to help police departments recruit more minority officers.

"Police departments ought to reflect the diversity of the communities they serve," Clinton said.

Also, he noted that the current Justice Department budget includes new funds to enforce civil rights laws "so that a few bad police officers do not undermine the progress, and the support, that hundreds of thousands of police officers have worked so hard to earn."

The National Association of Police Organizations, an umbrella group of law enforcement unions and other interests, has called on the administration to produce programs to inform police cadets and current officers that official misconduct carries federal prison terms.



NYPD has been under national scrutiny for a series of brutal attacks.

Director Kweisi Mfume, Rev. Joseph Lowery, Congressman John Conyers and others who backed calls to hold the "bad cops" accountable for the mounting police violence that is taking the lives of black men and women across the country.

Efforts by Ron Daniels, executive

director of the Center for Constitutional Rights, who first suggested the national march, received the support of Rev. Faunoy, who also established a national 900-number (900-226-5715, ext. 184) for victims "to report any incidents of police misconduct that you have experienced or witnessed."

These laws have resulted in an explosion of the prison population — both male and female — in the United States.

As in the rest of the American penal system, minorities make up a disproportionate share of the women's prison population, as they do among men.

For every white woman serving a prison term, there are four Hispanic and eight African-American women.

Some 70 percent of guards employed in federal women's correctional facilities — which must generally meet higher standards than state or county prisons — are men. Moreover, 12 states have no laws criminalizing sexual contact between prison staff and women inmates, the report reveals.

If the mothers of more than 200,000 children in this country have been abused or mistreated while in prison, if their health has been broken, that will be a profound effect on their ability to care for those children, and that will affect every one of us," Schultz said.

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## Rev. Henry Lyons says he'll resign

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) —

— The Rev. Henry Lyons, convicted of racketeering and theft, indicates he will resign as president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., ABC-USA.

In an interview with Connie Chung for "20/20 Monday," Lyons said he will step down, even if the church group of about 100 trustees doesn't ask him to.

"I think it's best," Lyons told Chung in the interview conducted Saturday in St. Petersburg.

"The emphasis now must be on the church, on the convention, on the programs and mission and ministries of the convention. I feel that it's my time for me to let be a priority."

Lyons, 57, was convicted in nearby Tampa Feb. 27 in state court on racketeering charges of swindling more than \$4 million from corporations seeking to do business with the convention.

He also was convicted of grand theft for stealing nearly \$250,000 donated by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith to rebuild burned black churches in the South.

Prosecutors said Lyons and his co-defendant Bernice Edwards of Milwaukee denied companies by promising a membership mailing list that did not exist and then went on lavish spending spree — buying a diamond ring "the size of a dime," a waterfront house, a timeshare condominium, several luxury cars and expensive clothing.

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# Law and order

The right to peacefully assemble in public areas to protest injustice and inequality has been hindered by the threatening presence of officers in riot gear. It has been degraded and demeaned by ranking government officials. It has been downplayed and ignored by the majority of mainstream media. However, this time the community has vowed not to let anyone rest until justice is served.

Mayor Giuliani has denounced the civil disobedience acts courageously displayed by Rev. Al Sharpton, Rep. Herbert Apthorpe, Rep. Charles Rangel, former mayor David Dinkins, NAACP leader Kweisi Mfume and a host of other civil rights activists. He has discouraged young from walking out to attend a rally in honor of Amadou Diallo because it grants them a day off of school for a ticker tape parade and to honor astronaut John Glenn. When children and young adults gathered in Harlem last summer for the Million Youth March they were surrounded by helicopter, tanks, and barricades. Yet, when the Irish celebrate St. Patrick's Day their parade can go into the hours of night with little to no action being done about drinking alcohol in public. Not to point fingers, but if a law is going to be upheld for one group then it should be consistently upheld for all. If children are faced with high sticks and a swarm of officers for a peaceful gathering that exceeding a time limit of a few minutes than why can others party in the street with no fear of authorities.

What does that say about the future of our country if the government fears our youth? What does it say about our constitution if all persons are not allowed the right and opportunity to peacefully assemble without fearing the police. It says that officers who are have brought into the negative stereotypes about youth and about minorities will quickly and unresponsibly react to the threat of the street. The street must be devoted to the gathering and organizing youth than rehabilitating them. It means that the America is a national state of emergency for racial profiling and police brutality. It means that if certain elected officials don't act promptly and wisely to reverse these centuries of unjust behavior there will be civil unrest until action is taken.

# Mentacide: The ultimate threat to the black race

By Conrad W. Worrill

Dr. Thompson continues by explaining that the African Principle is the quality underlying the source of the African people's unity. The gift from our Creator passes on to us through our ancestors.

At this juncture in history, we as African people must be devoted to straighten our own minds out without the help of anyone outside the African community.

One of the ways we can collectively begin this process of implementing the African Principle is to continue the organizing spirit generated by Minister Louis Farrakhan by the Nation of Islam in 1960, 1995 in Washington, D.C.

One of the main defining event was embraced by the entire African World community and provided the vital spark we needed as a people to begin collectively implementing the African Principle wherever we are.

Through the spirit generated by this momentous occasion, we have begun to work together to internationalize major networks throughout the African world, designed to focus in on our major problems as a people.

These networks are rooted in our efforts to break the cycle of mentacide that, once again, against the African people have been used to keep our efforts to straighten out our minds, the following revelation by Dr. Wright should be understood, and internalized by all African people.

Dr. Wright reveals that "Mentacide is the ultimate goal of the behavior."

Any curious examination of history will bear out, and support, the following "incomparable traits" of the white race (Europeans) that Dr. Wright reveals in terms of:

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# An important dissenting voice

"Even under the most sophisticated death penalty statutes," race continues to play a major role in determining who shall live and who shall die," said an important dissenting voice placed on the first weekend in March. "The arbitrariness inherent in the sentence's discretion to afford mercy is exacerbated by the racial prejudice," Justice Blackmun wrote in a 1994 opinion reaffirming a 22-year-old death penalty opinion. We owe the debt of remembrance.

For the number of Americans of color far exceeds the number of other Americans on death row in America's prisons, Justice Harry Andrew Blackmun's dissenting opinion in death penalty cases far outweighs his majority (and popular mass media) opinion in Roe vs. Wade. He will be remembered for his role in the landmark case. But the death penalty is inescapably beyond fixing. It can never be made "colorblind" nor less than the "harmful" were ever to be abolished by Eighth Amendment to the Constitution.

In his 24 years on the court, Blackmun put himself to be a man with an mind open.

"Out of the hundreds of people convicted of murder every year," he reiterated, "a handful were ever to be executed, and there was 'no meaningful basis for distinguishing the few cases in which [the death penalty] is imposed from the many cases in which it is not.' (And) if any discernible basis could be identified for the selection of those who were chosen to die, it was 'the color of their skin.'"

"Racism is an inhumanist habit," Justice Blackmun wrote quoting Justice Byron White.

In the 1994 case from Texas, Blackmun achieved his goal. On February 23, 1994, at approximately 1:00 a.m., Bruce Edwin Collins will be executed by the State of Texas. Inevitably, the instrument of death, the electric chair, designed specifically for the purpose of killing human beings. The witnesses, being a few feet away, will behold Collins, no longer a defendant, appellant, or a petitioner, but a man, strapped to a gurney, and seconds away from death.

"Written days, or perhaps hours, the memory of Collins will begin to fade. The wheels of justice will churn again, and somewhere another guy or another judge will have the awesome task of determining whether some human being is to live or die." But Blackmun went through a series of hope, that jobs involved would be done, that jobs

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# Police brutality: Blood will be on our hands if we don't take a stand

(NNPA) — Their names should echo through the minds of Amadou Diallo, 22, the Bronx in New York; Tyshita Miller, 19, of Riverside, Calif. and Donna Dawson, 18, of Philadelphia. But, as time passes, the names of these three young people, like countless others before them, are slowly fading from the headlines and in many ways from our collective conscience.

That is not something that we can afford to allow to continue. Not this time. It is time to say enough is enough.

Police brutality and violence are common in America, as common as the sun. And, the families of Diallo, Miller and Dawson know police violence first hand. Dawson was sitting in his car on a North Philadelphia street last October when he was shot to death by police. He was unarmed, Black, who reported by a gun on his lap, was shot 12 times by police as he sat unconscious in a car after suffering an apparent seizure. Diallo was shot 19 times in the vestibule of his Bronx home by police officers who were searching for a rapist. Diallo was neither guilty nor armed.

The United States is a big country, but any nation that witnesses such senseless police violence against innocent citizens in a four-month period is more than a shame. It is a tragedy, a national disgrace that should demand our nation's attention at the highest levels. But unfortunately, it doesn't, probably because all of these victims of excessive police force were Black.

The lives of blacks have never been "outs of the realm" in America. From slavery through Jim Crow to de facto segregation today, the lives of Black Americans have always been easily forgotten. Statistics bear this out. The No. 1 cause of death of African Americans under the age of 25 is cancer or heart disease or traffic accidents or even drug usage. It is homicide. In no other racial group is murder among the 10 leading causes of death, let alone the foremost one.

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# Greaseman, hate-talk radio: 'No more cheeks left'

By Asika Muhammad

The brutal murder of James Byrd was not simply a senseless, cruel, remorseless, heinous act. In fact, it was an intentional act. The perpetrators of this crime — one of whom has been convicted and sentenced to death — chained a black man to the back of their truck, drove him through the black streets of the small Texas town in order to send a message of racial hatred to blacks and to serve as a recruitment tool for like-minded whites.

After the Rodney King beating and the bloody, fiery alienation of the acquittal of the cops who beat him, who would have ever thought on the eve of the 21st Century that anyone in America would dare to act out such a low scheme against black people? And it happened.

I thought — like the late-filled white mob that noted 90 years ago in Springfield, Illinois — that the final result of this racist, Texas incident would be more eventual good than pain.

The NAACP was founded in response to the race act. But that is not the case at Clinton told leaders of the NAACP at Washington's National Museum of Women in the Arts Feb. 19, "I always thought it was simply a cruel irony that this riot occurred in Abraham Lincoln's hometown, and where he was buried."

"I learned that the white mob was actually deliberately coming to town there, trying to make Mr. Lincoln turn over in his grave. They yelled, stoning through black neighborhoods, 'Lincoln freed us, we'll show you where you belong.'"

At the dawn of the 20th Century, when the Springfield, Illinois riot took place, white supremacy was experiencing a revival. Film maker D.W. Griffith made his seminal film, "Birth of a Nation," planning to Ku Klux Klan. Along with the NAACP, a dark era of

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## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

**ISELIN** — The New Jersey Energy Expo presents a seminar on strategies for the deregulation of the power companies in New Jersey for the 21st Century at the Sheraton Woodbridge Hotel beginning at 7:30 p.m. (908) 879-0377.

**BURLINGTON** — The Entrepreneurial Training Institute will hold a multi-purpose workshop at the Burlington County High-Tech Incubator. Call (908) 633-7751 for time.

**NEW YORK** — The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey Regional Alliance for Small Contractors will offer an intensive level computer training on QuickBooks at the WTC (World Trade Center) Business Resource Center beginning at 9 a.m. (212) 436-6000.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 25

**ELIZABETH** — Continental Airlines Inc. presents a business opportunity open house at the Wyndham Garden Hotel beginning at 9 a.m. (973) 273-1074.

**UNION** — The Union County Economic Development Corporation will offer computer training programs on doing business through electronic commerce beginning at 10 a.m. Call (908) 327-1165 for location information.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27

**MORRISTOWN** — The Refrigeration Service Agency presents an seminar on the service industry in New Jersey at Allied Signal Corporation Inc. beginning at 9 a.m. (908) 376-2265.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — The 13th Jersey Theater Group presents the "New Year Film Fair at the State Theater" beginning at 10 a.m. (973) 930-0169.

**WAYNE** — Academic and leadership development conference for men of color will be held at William Paterson University's Student Center-Ballroom beginning at 4:30 p.m. (973) 720-2112.

## MONDAY, MARCH 29

**JERSEY CITY** — The New Jersey Venture Fair is an exposition for emerging businesses to meet investors and entrepreneurial supporters at the Liberty Science Center beginning at 12:00 p.m. (908) 452-1007.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

**NEWARK** — Organizing for Community Development will hold its spring "Business School of Gains" with this program will train individuals to identify funding opportunities and prepare grant proposals. The event will take place at Clear View Baptist Church. Call (732) 932-3058 for time and information.

# New Jersey youth mean business

By Kaylin D. Dines  
Contributing Writer

**EAST ORANGE** — One hundred Essex and Union County youth participated in a conference that was sponsored by the Essex Association of American Baptist Churches of New Jersey to foster job readiness and encourage academic excellence.

Community leaders, business industry representatives and parents offered career guidance and support to the high school students who attended the first "Youth Job Exposition," at Seton Hall University in

South Orange.

During a keynote address, New Jersey Congressman Donald Payne, (D-Newark), returned to his alma mater to emphasize the importance of education and stressed the significant roles that computers and technology will consistently play in the coming years.

Congressman Payne said, "The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 70 percent growth in computer and data processing jobs by the year 2005. Last year, Congress passed a bill that allowed an additional 142,500 visas for high tech workers."

"I implore those of you who are interested to explore the high-tech field and to try to get adequate training so that we can advance the number of Americans who are qualified for these jobs," Congressman Payne said.

Following the Congressman's keynote address, Irvington assemblyman Craig Stanley (D-25-NJ) moderated a discussion on how youth can pave the road to a successful career. The seven panelists included representatives from Prudential, Long & Crifers, Seton Hall University, the Newark Fire Dept. and Public Service

and Electric & Gas.

Each panelist shared his or her experience concerning appropriate conduct during an interview, how to develop a resume and make important career decisions.

Rev. Roy A. Butler, a parent attending the conference and the founder/senior pastor at First Maplewood Baptist Church in Maplewood, noted the importance of staying encouraged even when one door to a job is closed. "Refuse to be discouraged," he said during the question, answer and comment period.

Ruth Julian, a senior at Union

High School in Union, said she would "go and tell other people what the conference was like" and encourage her friends to attend next year.

Jonathan Baker, a junior at Bishop Francis Essex Catholic High School in East Orange, anticipated seeing a greater number of businesses participating in the conference. Baker said, he recognizes the value of job readiness and has pursued a part-time job at several local businesses. "As youth, we want jobs that will help us and get us paid now. All I come out the house with is bus fare," Baker said.

## The IRS puts a friendlier face on taxes

**ROSELAND, N.J.** — If the notion that you've got a friend at the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) brings a smirk to your face, you may want to meet the new National Taxpayer Advocate. In its latest attempt to communicate the image of a kinder, gentler IRS, Congress passed a third Taxpayer Bill of Rights last year as part of the 1998 IRS Restructuring and Reform Act. In addition to giving taxpayers important new rights, passage of this new legislation will move control on the IRS and give taxpayers in serious trouble with the IRS a new resource for assistance, notes the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA).

The Office of Taxpayer Advocate was originally established in 1996 by the Taxpayer Bill of Rights 2 to replace the Office of Taxpayer Ombudsman and to create a more powerful consumer ally. The 1998 Restructuring and Reform Act has expanded the authority of the Taxpayer Advocate by establishing the Office of the National Taxpayer Advocate. This new post has been given significant clout in performing its duty of looking out for taxpayer's interests when disputes arise with the IRS. In carrying out its function, the National Taxpayer Advocate now has the authority to oversee the actions of field agents and local IRS offices in certain cases. According to the NJSCPA, the Advocate's duties include assisting taxpayers in resolving problems with the IRS, identifying areas in which taxpayers have problems dealing with the IRS, and proposing both administrative and legislative changes to remedy those situations.

The National Taxpayer Advocate has broad authority to take action on behalf of taxpayers who would otherwise suffer a significant hardship as a result of IRS administration of the law. A major provision in the Reform Act gives the Office of National Taxpayer Advocate expanded powers to grant taxpayer assistance orders (TAOs) which can halt any action that causes or is about to cause a taxpayer significant hardship.

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1) Always make financial decisions based on your written financial goals. Too often people make financial decisions that conflict with their financial goals because they are not written down. In my mind you do not have any clear financial goals unless you write them down. Not following written financial goals is one of the main reasons that most people do not achieve their financial goals.

2) Calculate how much money you have invested in each level of the financial planning pyramid. The financial planning pyramid is divided into four parts. The base represents liquid savings, the second level represents insurance protection, the third level represents long-term savings and the fourth level represents speculative investments.

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## 10 Financial guidelines to follow

account/money market, bank account or certificate of deposit) of at least three months worth of take-home income to be prepared for potential financial emergencies. If you lose your job this money will help to support you as you look for another position.

4) Avoid spending more than 28 percent of your take-home income on rental or mortgage payments. Most banks want to make sure that your total monthly home mortgage payment (including mortgage interest and principal, real estate taxes and homeowners insurance) is less than 28 percent of your take-home income.

5) Try to minimize your monthly payments on consumer loans. A good rule of thumb is to limit these payments to 20 percent of your net take-home pay.

6) It is important that you minimize your long-term debt. Typically your long-term debt should be no more than 30 percent of your family's total assets.

7) When determining how much money you will need to retire use 70 percent of your net pre-retirement income as a guideline. In other words, as you think about retirement you should plan on needing a minimum of 70 percent of the net income in your last full-time job before retiring (or better, 70 percent of your highest annual salary throughout your career).

8) Avoid taking consumer loans that have terms longer than three years. The interest payments on loans longer than three years become unbearably high and will negatively affect your cash flow.

9) Make sure that you have sufficient insurance coverage. This includes life insurance, auto insurance, disability insurance and homeowners insurance at the minimum.

10) Finally, make sure that you have a will that will minimize your estate taxes. Hopefully, these guidelines will serve as a foundation on which you can build a solid financial plan.

## NJ's African-American guide

"Continued from page one" appears on page 28, those who welcome the guide need not be serious historians. Designed for travelers and travel professionals rather than history buffs, the guide is intended to attract such massive conventions as the National Baptist Association as well as individual and family vacationers. Like the common agency, it promotes minority businesses and the lure of legendary black establishments.

"America is increasingly becoming multicultural," Walker said. "For a state as significant as New Jersey to try to attract mul-

ti-cultural visitors as well as foster the growth of minority-owned businesses, it makes perfect sense."

The free book, with 20,000 copies in print, will be revised annually, said Commerce Secretary Gualberto "Gil" Medina. It should appear on the World Wide Web within six months.

For a free copy of the 29-page guide, call (800) VISIT NJ (437-4865), Ext. 9940 or write to: African American Heritage Guide to New Jersey, NJ Commerce & Economic Growth Commission, 20 West State St., P.O. Box 820, Trenton, NJ 08625-0820.

## Jesse Jackson opens Chicago Wall Street office

**NNPA** — Making good on his promise to pursue his national fight for corporate inclusion for minorities, Rev. Jesse Jackson recently opened his Rainbow Path Coalition LaSalle Street Project office in Chicago. During the press conference, Jackson said, "In the ghetto, there is no talent deficit. There's an

opportunity deficit. When minority talent goes untapped, undeserved consumers tend to fail to prosper, but corporations also curtail their growth and profits."

"The mission of the project is to have inclusion in corporate America in all ranks," said Darice Wright, executive director of the office.



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# RELIGION CALENDAR

## FRIDAY, MARCH 26

**PLAINFIELD** — The Church of Living God and The Rose of Sharon Community Church presents the gospel musical *"The Promise"* at the Plainfield High School Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. (908) 226-1448.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27

**NEWARK** — New Hope Baptist Church presents An Evening of Inspiration with Susan L. Taylor to perform *New Hope Academy* at Hopewell Baptist Church beginning at 6 p.m. (973) 242-3305.

**ELIZABETH** — Salem Hope Presbyterian Church are having auditions for a plot Christian Video Series. (908) 755-6138.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 28

**NEWARK** — The Bethel Baptist Church will be celebrating their Annual Day. Pastor Orlando Vick and Friend Baptist Church will be guests. (973) 942-4817.

**SUMMIT** — The Partisan Valley Chapter of The Links, Inc. will present a multi-cultural *"The Links"* at the Plainfield Fourteenth Baptist Church, 165 Glenstone Ave. beginning at 4:00 p.m. (908) 464-8485.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 4

**PLAINFIELD** — Shiloh Baptist Church will conduct a community Easter Sunday Worship Service at the Plainfield High School Auditorium beginning at 10:30 a.m. (908) 734-3353.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 10

**NEW PROVIDENCE** — "Sharing" a volunteer, non-profit organization for the handicapped is having its annual "1/2 off the shopping and free market sale" at the United Methodist Church on 1411 Springfield Ave. beginning at 9:00 a.m.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 25

**NEWARK** — A Gospel play written and directed by Celeste Bateman entitled *"We Have the Victory"* will be at Bethany Baptist Church beginning at 3 p.m. (973) 705-6233.

# Religion Healing women with spiritual guidance

"Every time you see some insecure, vulnerable, intimidated adult with unusual fear in her eyes, low self-esteem, or an apologetic posture, you may be seeing a broken woman. If you think it's ugly, you're right. If you think it's wrong, you're right again. If you think it can't be fixed, you're dead wrong! If you look closely into these eyes, you will sense something that is weak, hurt, maimed, or disturbed — but fixable."

*Holy Bible, Woman Thou Art Loosed Edition*

"Only 56 percent of teenage mothers finally graduate high school. (Armstrong & Wazack, 1992)

Divorce rates in the United States have risen from 42 percent in 1970 to 54.8 percent in 1995. (USNA&WR7 Population Council)

In 1986, 81 percent of young mothers living alone had incomes below the federal poverty level. Even if married, poverty rates among young mothers were twice the national average. (Armstrong & Wazack, 1992)

"Approximately 95 percent of the victims of domestic violence are women."

"Every year, two — to three-million

women are battered in their own homes, and every year more than 4,000 women are killed by their partners."

"Every 15 seconds, a woman somewhere in the United States is beaten by her partner."



Bishop T.D. James

"Nationally, businesses lose \$3.5 billion annually in absenteeism due to domestic violence."

"Battering is the single major cause of injury to women in the United States, more than rapes, muggings and automobile accidents combined."

"More than 25 percent of all injuries presented by women in emergency rooms are the result of abuse."

"65 percent of youthful offenders who commit murder do so to kill the abusers of their mothers."

"Children are present in 41-55 percent of homes where police intervene in domestic calls."

"Children and youths who witness abuse of their mothers display as much or more physical and verbal aggression, sleep disturbance and general anxiety as those who are one direct victims of the abuse."

"Family violence is one of the leading causes of the current homeless epidemic."

Bishop T.D. James offers these and other blockbuster messages to women in his special edition holy Bible, *Woman Thou Art Loosed!* James offers a specific guide devoted to the spiritual healing and upliftment of African women.

# Sowing and Reaping

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

"Everything we do is sowing and all of our experiences are harvests." Ancient African Adiom

**NPNA** — Western society refuses to accept that spiritual and mental laws govern the universe. There are no accidents or coincidences. Everything has a cause. Causes generate effects and effects generate reactions/causes. Failure to understand this fundamental law precipitates misery, pain and suffering.

Ignorance of the law is no excuse. Nor does it protect us from its consequences. Just because you cannot articulate the law of gravity does not exempt you from its effects. If you doubt this, get up on a chair or table, jump off and watch what happens every single time. Our African ancestors realized this and postulated that the universe was under girded and governed by divine order and spiritual laws which they called MAAT.

The law of cause and effect says every action on every level — whether it is mental, emotional or spiritual — triggers an effect. This law is universal. It applies to all things. Human beings are bound by this law despite the fact that we are divinely animated beings clothed in finite material bod-

ies. Personal application of the law demonstrates the reality that we are potent and dynamic beings who can create both our internal and external environment. In short we are not helpless victims of chance, we do play a role in the quality, tenor and time of our lives. The irony is that even people who say they don't believe in Karma, which is the Sanskrit term for action, action-influence or deed, attribute unexplainable effects, or experiences to supernatural causes like God, luck, fate or a spiritual being like the Devil or Satan.

One reason many of us don't want to come to grips with the law of cause and effect is because we are then forced to accept responsibility for our lives. However, there are many things that are beyond our control. In a universe where we interact with and are dependent upon others, we are subject to their whims and actions.

Inaction is a form of action. Someone once said, "the only condition necessary for evil to prevail is for good people to do nothing."

As the proverb says "everything we do is sowing and all of our experiences are harvests." Put another way — and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." Sowing and reaping are an ongoing

process. The law is constantly in effect, just like the law of gravity.

Everything is sowing. If you want to reap good crops, sow good seeds. (deeds). Life is not a spectator's sport, and you are not going to get out of here alive. The quality of our lives is up to us! We reap what we sow. We sow first with our thinking. Energy follows thought. Our thinking generates energy, thoughts are things. We are what we think. Our lives are the result of our sowing, how/what we think, our emotions, what we eat, how we relate to others and our lifestyles. Our experiences are harvests. The sower we understand this and incorporate it into our daily routines, the more productive and better off we will be. If you want to harvest better life experiences, relationships and environment, sow better seeds, thoughts, feelings, words and actions. Think about the consequences of your thoughts.

Think about how and what you are thinking is influencing and impacting your emotions, internal physiological reactions, health, interpersonal relationships, behavior and environment. That's a tall order, but that's what we have to do to live consciously!

You may contact Junious Stanton at e-mail address: JStanton@att.net

# A one man crusade to rebuild Africa

**NEW YORK** — With all the stories about civil unrest, violence, droughts and starvation, most people believe that Africa is a "fying continent, but that's simply not true."

For more than thirty years, Rev. Leon Sullivan has been a one man army slowly but steadily rebuilding Africa. From his 1969 trip to Ethiopia to establish an OIC, to the fourth African-African-American Summit in 1997, Rev. Sullivan has been on the forefront of the charge to bring Africa back to its former glory.

Rev. Sullivan is a 1995 Nobel Peace prize nominee, a 1992 President's Medal of Freedom recipient, the Pastor of Philadelphia's Zion Baptist Church for 38 years and the holder of 30 honorary degrees. Rev. Sullivan first gained national prominence when he made the cover of *Business Week* in March 1971 as the first African American elected to the Board of Directors of General Motors.

On a trip to South Africa while on the Board at General Motors he took it upon himself to do something about the treatment of blacks in that country. He formulated a set of ethical directives, in 1977, which outlined how American corporations doing business in apartheid

South Africa should equitably treat and promote black South African workers. These guidelines are known as The Sullivan Principles and were instrumental in the abolishment of apartheid in South Africa.

In 1989, he was approached by African diplomats to discuss the possibility of a Summit between African and African-American leaders and business heads to help with the human development and economic advancement of sub-Saharan Africa.

This year's Summit, entitled "The Millennium Summit," will take place in Accra, Ghana on May 15-22, 1999. Over 6,000 delegates from Africa, America, Europe, the Caribbean and Asia are expected to attend.

These Summits have resulted in more than half a billion dollars in investments from American companies. 250 African bankers being trained in the U.S. 50,000 jobs have been created; 500 master teachers from the U.S. were sent to 10 African nations to improve education; 560 billion of debt on African nations were forgiven and teams of doctors, volunteers and other workers were sent to Africa to improve health conditions, build healthcare facilities and approximately 1,000 new schools.

# Paterson sanctuary destroyed by fire

**PATERSON, N.J. (AP)** — A fire that started on the altar of a Hispanic Presbyterian church Tuesday destroyed most of the sanctuary, including the communion table and the organ, officials said.

Deputy Chief James Tascia said it took firefighters about 25 minutes to put out the blaze at Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana. No injuries were reported in the fire, which started around 1:30 p.m.

"We called in the second alarm because we were afraid the fire had extended to the attic," Tascia said, adding that the flames never reached the 30-foot ceiling.

The damage was limited to the altar, badly charring the intricate woodwork of the 100-year-old building, Tascia said.

Barbara Worthington, spokeswoman for the Presbytery of the Palisades, said the whole front of the sanctuary was burned, including the chancel, the east end of the altar usually reserved for the clergy and the choir.

"The organ pipes, the communion table, the chair on the pulpit" were destroyed, she said.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

The church was empty at the time of the fire but it was not off-limits to people in other parts of the building, Worthington said.

Onsite, a social service program that feeds women and children, was operating in another section of the building, Worthington said.

No damage estimates were available.

# 'She's Been Blessed'

**NEWARK** — Local resident, Dorothy Hazzard has written and self-published her first novel, *"She's Been Blessed."*

Hazzard takes readers through a tale of prostitution to salvation — a story of redemption.

This novel is based on a true story. It follows the life of the main fictional character, Sabrina Brown, a college student turned high-class prostitute. Sabrina, an aspiring young woman, moves to the Big Apple to pursue a college degree, but becomes so obsessed with money, and the material things money can buy, that she resorts to prostitution instead.

This thought provoking, filled with romance, excitement and adventure novel is a real-page turner! When one gets beyond the subject matter of the book, a most distinguishing feature of this novel is the history lesson one gets. The author has ingeniously sprinkled various historical events and famous persons who have made history throughout the novel (e.g., March on Washington; assassination of John F. Kennedy; the Civil Rights Movement; the integration of blacks and whites, etc.), adding a touch of realism and authenticity to the story line. The reader is also treated to many splendid scenic excursions journeying with Sab-

rina to different exotic places, as Sabrina travels throughout the United States, Canada, Alaska, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands selling sex to make a living.

As Sabrina through her adventures as she lives the fast life. Discover how God's protecting spirit manifest itself in Sabrina's life even though she is a hooker. Bear witness to her rebirth as she is brought back into God's flock. Experience the magic of spiritual life, for truly, *"She's Been Blessed!"*

Dorothy Hazzard will be in New York City signing books at Justice's Restaurant located at 31 West 21st St. "She's Been Blessed" is available at all Barnes & Noble Bookstores and Penn Station Bookstore, in Newark.

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# Health Caendrar

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

**JERSEY CITY** — Jersey City Medical Center offers a support group for breast cancer survivors in post-treatment one year and beyond beginning at 6 p.m. (201)915-2273.

**SOUTH PLAINFIELD** — The Cancer Foundation will offer a this educational program on parenting skills at the South Plainsfield Center beginning at 5 p.m. (908) 769-7070.

**SOUTH ORANGE** — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive at Seton Hall University Activity Center beginning at 9 a.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NJ.

**TEANECK** — Holy Name Hospital will hold a adult support group meeting for men and women grieving a loss of a loved one at the hospital's health services building beginning 10 a.m. (201) 833-3198.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 25

**GREENBROOK** — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home beginning at 4 p.m. (908) 756-4144.

**NEWARK** — The Blood Center of New Jersey will hold a blood drive VFW District 4 beginning at 3:30 p.m. 1-800-BLOOD-NJ.

**IRVINGTON** — "Medication and Food Interaction" program will focus on the importance of a nutritionally balanced meal and possible side-effects from medications beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Classroom B of Irvington General Hospital.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 26

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Support group for individuals who have had a stroke and their families will meet starting at 12:30 p.m. in the Moolten Conference Room at the University of Robert Wood Johnson Hospital. (732)937-8820.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 27

**TEANECK** — Holy Name Hospital will offer a CPR training course for adults and infants at the hospital's Nursing School Center beginning at 8 a.m. (201) 833-3198.

**MONTCLAIR** — Montclair State University will offer adult health care programs beginning at 7 p.m. (973) 655-4333.

**IRVINGTON** — Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. presents 2nd Annual Workshop on African-American women and depression beginning at 9:30 a.m. (973) 673-3465.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Review Robert Wood Johnson University's Maternity unit's procedures and tour the facility starting at 11:00 a.m. (732)937-8505.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 28

**BLOOMFIELD** — The ARC of Essex County presents a 5K walk/run fundraiser to benefit individuals with developmental disabilities. (973)535-1181 ext. 1282.

## M\*W DAY, MARCH 29

**EDISON** — Tai Chi classes offered for seniors and others at the JFK Medical Center from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (732)632-1610.

**TEANECK** — The regional cancer educational and support meetings for women who have been diagnosed with cancer beginning at 1 p.m. (201)833-3154.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital presents a Women's Support Group focusing on the changing needs of women through the life span. (732) 937-8820.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 30

**TEANECK** — Holy Name Hospital will offer a massage therapy sessions at the hospital's Health Services Building beginning at 5 p.m. (201) 837-1850.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — St. Peter's University Hospital presents a program to help with the challenges and lifestyle adjustments that face a caregiver starting at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (732)745-8528.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — Epilepsy Support Group meets the last Tuesday of each month at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital starting at 7:30 p.m. (732)937-8505.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

**BELLE MEAD** — Makes a difference in the lives of battered women and children in your community. The Resource Center for Women and their families offers a 40 hour training course twice a year. (908)359-0003 ext. 115.

# HeartBeat

## Governors unite to help prevent Lyme disease

**SOMERS, NY** — The American Lyme Disease Foundation (ALDF) announced that Gov. John G. Rowland of Connecticut, Gov. Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey and Gov. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania have declared March 1999 Lyme Disease Prevention Month in their respective states. Residents of all three Lyme-endemic states are at an increased risk of contracting this potentially debilitating disease. Over 17,000 people in Connecticut, 13,300 in New Jersey and 14,500 in Pennsylvania have been diagnosed with Lyme disease since 1982. In fact, these three states together comprise more than 40 percent of all Lyme disease cases in the U.S.

"It is wonderful that Governors Rowland, Whitman and Ridge have declared March 1999 as Lyme Disease Prevention Month in their respective states," said ALDF Executive Director, David Weld. "It is essential to highlight the importance of prevention before tick season begins in the spring, especially in these states where residents are at an increased risk for contracting the disease."

The ALDF is committed to making people aware of Lyme disease and other tick-borne infections and encourages them to contact their doctors now about Lyme disease vaccination. In addition, the ALDF urges people to continue taking other precautions to avoid tick-bites in Lyme-endemic areas, such as wearing light-colored clothing, checking for ticks and using

an insect repellent containing DEET. "Raising awareness is one of the first steps in preventing Lyme disease," said the Governors of Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania for proclaiming March as Lyme Disease Prevention Month and bringing attention to the importance of preventive measures, including vaccination," commented Vijay Sikand, M.D., adjunct assistant professor of medicine, Tufts University School of Medicine. "People need to be proactive and educated about their health decisions. Now is the time for them to talk to their physicians about the Lyme disease vaccine."

Lyme disease has quickly become the most common tick-borne illness, with cases reported in 48 states. Ticks that carry Lyme disease continue to

spread geographically across the country, putting more people at risk of contracting this disease with the highest risk occurring in the northeast, upper midwest and Pacific coastal areas. Experts believe Lyme disease may be underreported by as much as 12 times (Maryland). In Connecticut, data indicate that at best only 16 percent of Lyme disease cases were reported over one year. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, over 113,000 cases of Lyme disease have been reported nationally from 1982 to 1998.

Lyme disease is a potentially serious multi-stage bacterial infection with a wide range of symptoms, usually beginning with a characteristic skin rash, low-grade fever, joint or

muscle aches (often including a stiff neck) and fatigue. Lyme disease is caused by infection with a spirochete (a spiral-shaped bacterium) known as *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which is carried and transmitted by the deer tick and the closely related western black-legged tick to their human hosts.

If undetected and left untreated, the spirochete can spread throughout the body months to years following a tick bite and progress to late-stage Lyme disease. The bacteria can affect the joints, tendons, heart or nervous system, potentially resulting in arthritis, heart abnormalities such as aortic block and myocarditis (inflammation of the muscular walls of heart), Bell's palsy (paralysis of one or both sides of the face), and cognitive impairments.

# Stop the silence on HIV/AIDS

**CHICAGO** — This week, Rev. Jackson continues his mission to Nigeria as Special Envoy for the Promotion of Democracy in Africa. While there, Rev. Jackson will also seek to raise HIV/AIDS awareness.

Rev. Jackson said, "AIDS has reached a level of horror not witnessed since the Bubonic Plague of the Middle Ages that wiped out a quarter of Europe's population. The calamity is so unimaginable that it has virtually gone without notice."

In the thirty-four nations south of the Sahara in Africa, as many as one in four adults is infected with HIV. With only 10% of the world's population, these nations have 28 million of the 30 million infected with HIV across the world.

Ninety-one percent of the world's AIDS related deaths have occurred in these 34 countries.

In Botswana, the hardest hit country in Africa, life expectancy stood at 61 years only five years ago. Now it has dropped to 47 years and is expected to drop further to 41 years

between 2000 and 2005. In Zimbabwe, nearly one of every five adults is currently infected.

South Africa, relative isolated in the years of apartheid, is now the epicenter of the plague. 3.2 million people are estimated to be infected, including a staggering 45% of the military by South African government estimates. One of every five pregnant women tests HIV positive.

It is possible to turn the tide. In Uganda, an aggressive program of public education dramatically

reduced the incidence of infection. Thailand also implemented an aggressive program that dramatically reduced the number of AIDS victims. Now South Africa and the other nations of southern Africa face the same challenge.

There is ample evidence that aggressive early treatment of HIV/AIDS can produce positive results. Anecdotal, one need look no further than Magic Johnson to see that a good diet, exercise and access to the best drugs and medical care

can make living with HIV a productive, quality life.

The unfortunate reality is that we cannot let the good news lull us into a false sense of security. We are a long way from defeating this disease. We must remain vocal and continue to do whatever it takes to make the latest wonder drugs (that can keep people who are infected with HIV healthy for years but cost between \$10,000 - \$15,000 per year) available to the greatest number of people who need them.

# Premature births increase among white women, down for minorities

**ATLANTA (AP)**—The rate of single-born premature babies among white women climbed 8 percent between 1980 to 1996 but dropped among blacks and other minorities, the government said.

Despite the narrowing of the racial gap, black babies are still nearly twice as likely to be born premature than white ones, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The researchers said they were unable to explain the changes.

We hope it reflects things such as improved health status among African-American women in general and possibly improved access to prenatal care," said Dr. Lucinda England, a CDC epidemiologist.

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Overall, the U.S. rate of premature single births inched up 0.3 percent to 97.3 per 1,000 live births. There was a 19 percent jump among premature multiple births.

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# Black men have the highest cancer rate in NJ

**TRENTON, N.J. (AP)** — Black men have the highest cancer rate in New Jersey, but black women have the lowest rates, according to statistics released Thursday by the state Department of Health and Senior Services.

A report on cancer incidences by county from 1986 to 1996 found that black males' contracted cancer at a rate of 561 per 100,000. Conversely, black females contracted cancer at a rate of 333 per 100,000.

The rate for white males was 484 per 100,000, and white females had a rate of 371 per 100,000.

The report also found that overall cancer rates are declining in New Jersey, especially among men, and called for continued activities that appear to be contributing to the decline, such as not smoking, not drinking to excess, and eating diets with more fruits and vegetables, and less fat.

Bergen County had the highest total number of reported cancer cases

from 1986 to 1996 at 64,607, followed by Essex at 41,907, Ocean at 35,354, Middlesex at 32,811, Monmouth at 30,950, Union at 29,273, Hudson at 27,049 and Camden at 24,867.

Statewide, 444,652 cases were reported, including 384,137 among whites and 41,191 among blacks.

Breast cancer rates have been declining steadily since 1992 for white women, but not as consistently for black women. Whites showed a decrease from 120 to 110 cases per 100,000, while blacks showed a decrease from 100 to 90 per 100,000, although a statistical increase was seen in 1995.

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States, with 1,228,600 new cases and 564,800 deaths estimated for 1998 nationwide.

Men have a 1 in 2 chance of developing cancer at some point in their lives, while the rate for women is 1 in 3.

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# Tuberculosis ranks the top killer of infectious diseases, striking minorities the hardest

By Lucy Sanchez  
Staff Writer

Tuberculosis, an old nemesis with a new face. The airborne disease kills an estimate of 2-3 million people a year, more adults than any other infectious disease. So the next time someone coughs, sneezes, talks or even spits you may have been infected. New Jersey ranks among the highest number of reported TB cases in the United States, hitting minorities at substantially higher rates than whites.

With World TB Day being March 24, the World Health Organization and health care professionals are alerting others because they state we are at the "crossroads in TB control." The alarm was caused by a new phase in the disease, which certain strains are now resistant to more than one drug — making the disease difficult or impossible to cure. With poverty as a major factor in the communities which contract the disease the global government can either devote more money and research into the reversal of this epidemic or face the possibility

of a future of multi-drug resistant TB infecting millions more.

In a national conference call on March 18, with Ralph Nader, of the Princeton 55 Tuberculosis Initiative of Princeton University's Class of 1955, preventive methods and future action were discussed. He stated TB is like the "B-boli" virus with wings. "There's been a lot of coverage on bioterrorism risks yet the old infectious diseases like TB and malaria are still around," stated Nader. "More people died last year from TB than any other year. TB is killing about 8,000 people in the world a day and malaria about 6,500."

Nader stated that TB is a disease of poverty. According to the Center for

Disease Control (CDC), socio-economic factors such as high unemployment, low median income, poor living conditions, and poor health insurance coverage partially explains the racial disparity. African Americans suffer from TB at a rate that is eight times that of Caucasians. Rates among Latinos are almost six times higher, and Native Americans have an incidence five times greater. Asians are hit the hardest, with an incidence nearly fifteen times greater than Caucasians.

Bringing the issue a little closer to home, in 1997, six states, California, Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, New York, and Texas reported 57 percent of all TB cases. Between 1992 and 1996, New

York City alone spent \$700 million to control its TB epidemic. In New Jersey, there have been 718 cases reported as of 1997. Newark, Jersey City, the Bergen-Passaic area, and Middlesex have the highest number of reported cases as of 1997 according to the CDC.

TB is also the leading cause of death among people who are HIV-positive, causing over 30 percent of AIDS deaths. It has been stigmatized as a poor peoples disease and thus, deterring victims from seeking treatment. This is one of the reasons why Project 55 and groups such as the World Health Organization, Global Tuberculosis Program, the American Lung Association and the American Thoracic Society are urging the govern-

ment to increase the budget spent in poor countries. Nader stated, "You can't deal with U.S. tuberculosis, unless you deal with international tuberculosis."

Funds are critically needed to ensure a short-course level of treatment through direct observation. This combines elements such as monitoring systems and direct observation of treatment. This guarantees that the patient is taking all of their medicines regularly for the required time period. If they stop taking the drugs early they are putting themselves at risk for multi-drug resistance TB, this being the more difficult phase of the disease to control.

Tuberculosis(Tb) kills someone in the world every 10 seconds. Treatment

only costs about \$11 per patient for a six-month supply of drugs. Yet only 15 percent of the people infected with TB are being given direct observation treatment, according to RESULTS. Christopher Lee, Project 55, is calling for the United States government to contribute \$60 million of new money to projects and tests that would globally control the disease. "The United States government has to stand up and be a leader in this," stated Lee. Global Health experts estimate over \$1 billion is needed to control TB, focusing on the 22 countries in the world with the highest incidence. This money would be devoted to training personnel, direct observation treatment, drug supplies, and researching a curable vaccine.

## The silent killer

NEW YORK — Chronic hepatitis C is an emerging health threat, according to public health officials. Nearly four million Americans are infected with the hepatitis C virus(HCV), and although it is the most common chronic blood born infection in the United States, many of the millions infected don't know it. Another 30,000 people are newly infected with the virus each year, according to the National Institutes of Health(NIH). The death toll from complications associated with hepatitis C, currently at 8,000 per year, is expected to triple within the next 10 to 20 years, according to NIH.

African Americans are twice as likely as their non-Hispanic, white counterparts to be infected with the virus. To reduce the risk of infection from viral hepatitis, high-risk groups such as African Americans are in great need of information. The hepatitis C virus is spread primarily by direct contact with contaminated blood. Anyone who received a blood transfusion or organ transplant before July 1992 should be routinely tested based on their risk for infection.

African Americans are at a higher risk for several key factors such as sickle cell anemia. It places them at a higher risk due to the greater incidence of blood transfusions among sickle cell patients. African Americans account for 99 percent of the sickle cell anemia cases diagnosed in the United States. Also, more than three million African American men and women have occupations that may increase their exposure to viruses that cause hepatitis. Nurses, healthcare aides, and food service workers are at a risk. Occupational exposure to blood is a prime risk factor for infection with the hepatitis B and C viruses.

A lack of access to affordable healthcare and exposure to information about the disease also plays a major role in the susceptibility of the disease in the African American community.

Other at-risk groups include injection drug users, hemophiliacs who received blood clotting factor concentrates produced before 1987, long-term hemodialysis patients, and people whose blood tests show persistent(at least two occasions) of abnormal alanine aminotransferase(ALT) levels.

Although there is no vaccine to prevent hepatitis C, the Food and Drug Administration has approved Rebeton Combination Therapy containing Rebetol Capsules and Intron injection for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C in adults with compensated liver disease.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have also launched a "LookBack Program," which requires medical facilities and blood banks to notify patients who received a blood transfusion within the past decade from a donor who later tested positive for HCV.

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**NEW YORK** — Rollin' on the T.O.B.A. movie to Broadway at the Kit Kat Club in a tribute to the last days of black vaudeville (12/22-1/3/01).

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

**MONTCLAIR** — Montclair State University presents its annual festival of dance and music called Danceworks, at the Memorial Auditorium beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 655-4333.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

**EAST ORANGE** — Zante's Bar and Lounge at the Royal Inn Hotel presents jazz artist Jackie Jones beginning at 8 p.m. (973) 673-0230.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

**RAHWAY** — Chinese Golden Dragon Acrobats will be at the UC Arts Center, 1901 Irving St., beginning at 8 p.m. (732)499-8225.

**NEWARK** — The American Ballet Theatre Studio is coming to NJPAC to show its evolution of dance beginning at 2 p.m. 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

**PLAINFIELD** — Artist Teresa Esaw unveils her newest releases. The Plainfield born artist will talk about her inspirations and life as an African American artist on the roof at Majoco Collections on 1559 South Ave. (908)222-0222.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

**POMONA** — The Duke Ellington Band will be performing at the Stockton Performing Arts Center, Jim Leeds Road. (609)855-9000.

**NEW YORK** — Through her eyes: Women of Color Arts Festival 1999 will bring uproot and downtown together with exciting productions at 91 Claremont Ave., at 120th St. (212)591-3842.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

**RAHWAY** — Jazz at the Arts Guild: featuring Warren Vaché Jr. at 1670 Irving St. beginning at 7:30 p.m. (732)499-8225.

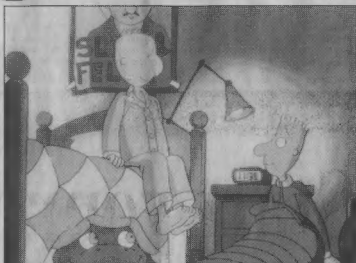
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**MONTCLAIR** — Montclair State University presents "Peter Rabbit" a Cleveland Signstage Theatre production. (973)655-5112.

## Doug's 1st Movie

Walt Disney Pictures' full-length animated feature "Doug's 1st Movie," based on the top rated ABC television series developed by the creative team of Jim Jenkins and David Campbell, "Disney's Doug," stars the average, lovable adolescent Doug Funnie (Thomas McHugh), who's faced with every teenager's dilemma — doing what's right or doing what's popular. Doug's 1st Movie follows the adventures and misadventures of Doug Funnie, an imaginative and quirky 12-1/2-year-old, who finds himself caught between saving the endangered "monster" of polluted Lucky Duck Lake and his burning desire to take Patti Mayonnaise (Connie Shulman) — his secret crush — to the school dance.

When Doug and his best pal, Skeeter (Fred Newman), discover



Doug Funnie (center) is an imaginative kid who is constantly in and out of trouble because he keeps following his heart instead of his common sense.

that the mythical "monster" is real, they also stumble across an elaborate cover-up by one of Bluffington's leading citizens, industry czar Bill Bluff. Adding to Doug's anxiety is Guy Graham, a slick upperclassman, who wants Patti for himself.

"Doug's 1st Movie" is on such a larger scale with this film. It's the same Doug with the same friends, but much larger. There's more story, the stakes are higher, it's scarier and there's more revealed about Bluffington."

"Doug's 1st Movie" is a production of Jumble Pictures, Inc. in association with Walt Disney Pictures. Creator and producer Jim Jenkins, producer David Campbell and director Maurice Joyce helm the film and the screenplay is by Ken Scarborough. The film's producer is Melanie Grisanti.

## Husband and wife team honors Duke Ellington

**NEW YORK** — "You ever hear of the jazz-playin' man, the man with the cats who could swing with his band?" In time for the centennial honoring Duke Ellington (April 29), an illustrated and poetic biography, DUKE ELLINGTON: The Piano Prince and His Orchestra (Hyperion Books for Children \$15.95), wins two of the most prestigious honors in children's books: the 1999 Caldecott Honor Medal and the 1999 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Honor Award.

Created by the husband and wife team of Brian and Andrea Pinkney, this high-spirited homage to the king of jazz follows the life of Ellington from his boyhood baseball days to the night of one of his and jazz's greatest triumphs, a concert in Carnegie Hall and the debut of his "Black, Brown, and Beige" suite celebrating the glories and triumphs of African American heritage. The Pinkneys capture first the boy, who thought the traditional piano music his parents made him practice had an "umpy-dump sound that was headed nowhere," and then the man, who took ragtime and jazz to new levels of sophistication and popularity.

Andrea Pinkney's poetic text combined with Brian Pinkney's imaginative and sweeping scratchboard illustrations portray the original orchestra members.



Brian and Andrea Pinkney, illustrators and authors.

## "Brick City Lessons: Reinventing Newark Schools" with John Amos

**TRENTON** — Much has been written about the trials and tribulations of Newark, New Jersey's, school system, which is responsible for educating nearly 45,000 children. In 1995, after years of declining test scores and increasing drop-out rates, the state education department seized control of the system, with a mandate to turn the schools around.

In the midst of the City's economic and social challenges, there are models of excellence to be found in the Newark school John Amos system. NJN Public Television takes a closer look at several of these Newark schools in its newest documentary "Brick City Lessons: Reinventing Newark Schools," which airs on NJN on Friday, March 26 at 10 p.m., and will be rebroadcast on Friday, April 10 at 6 p.m. Narrated by actor and former Newark resident John Amos, this inspiring one-hour documentary introduces viewers to the passionate, dedicated teachers and innovative administrators who are empowering students to take charge of their education and their future.

Brick City Lessons presents an anthology of success stories, both large and small. Each frame captures the essence of what it takes to motivate a child to learn.

At an alternative school that represents the last stop for at-risk students on the verge of dropping out, we see how teachers use notes to reach teenagers and help them break out of the cycle of failure. We also meet students at Arts High, a magnet school which draws the best and the brightest. Viewers have only to see the joy on the faces of the young artists and musicians to understand just how valuable the arts are to a child's overall educational development.

NJN producer Amber Edwards and independent producer Dave Davidson wrote, produced and directed the documentary.

While each school we visited was different in the approach they took to teaching and learning," says Edwards, who hosts NJN's weekly arts magazine program, "State of the Arts." "Each school values the arts as an important educational tool. They are using the arts to hook students on learning."

According to Davidson, "The strategies that teachers are using in these schools can serve as models for educational reform not just in Newark but anywhere."

"Brick City Lessons: Reinventing Newark Schools" is the second production in a proposed trilogy of documentaries that pays tribute to educational excellence in New Jersey. The first one, "Quicksand and Banana Peels: A Year in the Life of Two Principals" aired on NJN last year and examines the challenges and the rewards that two elementary school principals, one in suburban Clinton, N.J., and the other in Jersey City, N.J., encountered in their work over the course of a year.

The Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation funded "Quicksand and Banana Peels" PSE&G and the Hyde and Watson Foundation provided generous funding for "Brick City Lessons." Reinventing Newark Schools.

## NJPAC celebrates the life of Sarah Vaughan

**NEWARK** — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) honors one of the greatest jazz singers of all time, Newark's own Sarah Vaughan, with an exclusive concert event, *Love of Love: The Life of Sarah Vaughan*, on Saturday, March 27, 1999 at 8:00 p.m. in Prudential Hall.

Monita Carson of WBGO Jazz-88.9 FM hosts the evening's program, featuring six decades of unforgettable music performed by Frank Foster and His Loud Minority Big Band, and special guest appearances by Amiri Baraka, Andy Bey, Ronnell Bey, Paquito D'Rivera and Marlena Shaw. Rare intimate footage of Vaughan, both behind-the-scenes and in performance, will be shown by award-winning documentary filmmaker Tom Guy. Also scheduled to appear are Sarah Vaughan's mother, Ada Vaughan, and her daughter, Paris Vaughan.

Sarah Lois Vaughan was born on March 27, 1924 in Newark. A shy girl, young Sarah played piano for Newark's Mt. Zion Baptist Church choir. Her love of music and academic achievements earned her admission to Newark's Arts High School, where she began pursuing a career as a vocalist. Her first big break came in 1942, when she easily won an amateur night contest at Harlem's Apollo Theatre, attracting the attention of another great jazz musician, Billy Eckstine. Her introduction to bandleader Earl "Fatha" Hines was the beginning of Vaughan's nearly fifty-year career.

Vaughan's acclaimed concert appearances and prolific recording career kept her on the top of the charts throughout her life. She also made numerous national television appearances, recorded on a number of film scores, and sang with many of the world's greatest symphonies.

Vaughan received a lifetime achievement Grammy Award, an Emmy Award for individual achievement, and was honored with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. By the time of her

death in 1990, fans and admirers worldwide had come to recognize "The Divine One."

Two-time Grammy Award-winner, Dr. Frank Foster, is celebrating more than 55 years in music.

A member of the famous Count Basie Orchestra from 1953 to 1964, he was a key contributor as tenor saxophonist, composer and arranger. In 1966, he assumed leadership of the Basie Orchestra until 1995. Foster has worked with and arranged for such major performers as Frank

Sinatra, Sarah Vaughan, Dizzy Gillespie, Tony Bennett, Lena Horne, Ella Fitzgerald, and Billy Eckstine, among others.

With His Loud Minority Big Band, Foster has recorded two well-received albums for the Japan Discos label.

Other featured performers on the evening's program are Newark-based poet and author Amiri Baraka; critically acclaimed jazz vocalist Andy Bey; jazz vocalist and New York stage star Ronnell Bey; Paquito D'Rivera, a Grammy Award-winning reedman; and recording artist Marlena Shaw, a singer the *Los Angeles Times* says "combines the soaring sensuality of Sarah Vaughan with the precisely articulated swing of Carmen McRae."

Another event being planned to coincide with this celebration is the 22nd Annual Sarah Vaughan.

"Sarahthon," an evening of live performances, recorded music, memorabilia and more, featuring special guests Carrie Smith and Tulivu-Donna Cumberland, FREE and open to the public, it takes place on Wednesday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m. at The Atrium, St. Joseph's Plaza, 233 West Market Street in Newark. For more information, call (973) 639-7845.

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# Local Briefs

## Assembly honors 12-year-old local hero

TRENTON — The Assembly honored twelve-year-old Glenn Edwards of Maplewood, a young hero who saved his family and neighbors from a deadly fire which broke out in their home.

On April 17, 1998, a fire caused by a halogen lamp broke out in the living room of his two-family home and quickly spread, engulfing the first floor apartment. Edwards was home with young children, and quickly gathered them and brought them safely outside.

## Local support for Mumia growing

NEWARK — The Greater Newark Millions for Mumia Committee has announced mass mobilization in the community, leading up to the April 24th Millions for Mumia International Rally in Philadelphia.

On Thursday, April 1st, Venue 4 Verse, the spoken word arm of Newark's Black NIA Force, will devote that night to Abu-Jamal. The following day, the African Globe Studios will host a special conference of area artists with a special appearance by Amin Baraka.

On April 23, their will be a "Youth for Mumia Rally" at the Federal Building in Newark which will coincide with the International Student Walkout for Mumia on that day. Call 973-624-1440 for more information.

## Torricelli announces \$27.4 million to reduce class size

NEWARK — Sen. Robert Torricelli (D-NJ) announced that New Jersey will receive \$27.4 million dollars to help public schools and education officials reduce class sizes as part of the 100,000 new teachers initiative, which was included in the FY 1998 budget passed by Congress. These funds will enable local communities to hire additional teachers in an effort to bring class sizes in grades K-3 down to the national average of 18 students per teacher.

## Jones Code Adam legislation passed by Assembly

WEST ORANGE — The Assembly passed an innovative child protection measure Assemblyman LeRoy Jones sponsored that would designate New Jersey as a "Code Adam" state.

"Working together - communities, businesses, and police officers - all will share responsibility for protecting children throughout the state," said Jones (D-Eves).

"Code Adam" is a special alert issued by department stores and supermarkets when a customer reports a missing child. A brief description of the child is then provided to all associates, who immediately stop their normal work to search for the child.

## Paterson urban charter school opening soon

PATERSON — The Board of Founders of the Paterson Charter School of Urban Leadership has announced that their application for a charter school was recently approved by the New Jersey Department of Education and is on target to open in September of 1999.

The schools enrollment will be 215 students in grades kindergarten through grade two the first year and expand to 500 students in grades K-6 by the year 2003. The school has been designed to nurture, develop and educate achievement-oriented students to become the city's future leaders and core professionals.

## Statewide action to stop police brutality and racial violence

NEWARK — The People's Organization for Progress (POP) is sponsoring events throughout the state of New Jersey and surrounding areas to curtail racial injustice and inequality. They stand under the motto "It is time for all people of conscience to stand up for justice."

The following is a list of demonstrations you can participate in: March 27 at 12 p.m. there will be a picket line, march and rally against police brutality and racial violence at Broad & Market leading to the Federal Building in Newark.

April 1 at 5:30 p.m. there will be a commemoration of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., "Continuing the Struggle for Racial Justice," on the 10th floor auditorium of Newark's Public Library on 5 Washington St.

Two days later there will be an emergency march for justice in Washington sponsored by the Center for Constitutional Rights. For bus information call (800) 720-5512.

On April 23 there will be a one year anniversary of the tunnel shooting caravan along the New Jersey Turnpike. Contact (973) 643-7711 for more info.

# big splash in City's Middle Schools

By Beverly Shelton

PLAINFIELD — Unbeknownst to many, Plainfield's youth are raising eye brows and creating waves.

The "Big Splash" has been created by the combined talents of Plainfield's sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students who have been a part of this past winter season's Middle School Swim Team.

These youngsters worked toward, battled for, and ultimately secured an undefeated season that included seven wins, zero losses and one tie. Under the direct guidance of Coach Paula Howard, novice swimmers took on other middle schools and private institutions within the county and surrounding areas. Loaded with talent, enthusiasm, and an "I think I can attitude," this young team faced Wardlaw/Harridge School, Elizabeth Middle School, Ranney, Pingry, and Newark Academy.

The unlikely event of a season like this is magnified by the fact that the students who participated on Plainfield's team are inexperienced in swim competition and have not been involved in training programs for the sport as have many of their opponents. The majority of this team has been competing for the past two seasons, only. The team itself is only three years old. Howard has been their head coach for just the past two seasons. Several of the students were recruited to the team by Coach Jim Schmidt at the Y.A.M. sponsored carnival that took place in September of 1997 during a Plainfield Cardinal Varsity football game at Hub Stein Field. This effort produced a 1997-98 team of approximately 25 kids.

This year's record along with the guidance provided by Howard and the watchful eyes of Schmidt doesn't need to be kept as a secret any more. Success in any middle school program, can only strengthen and enhance our Varsity Athletic programs.

The members of the winning team include Veronica Beach, Nicholas

Callands, LaMon Charles, Tristan Ortiz, Alicia Palmer, Marsha Pridemore, Simone Pyne, Sherina Reeves, Ashli Roberts, Anthony Rodriguez, Erica Russell, Hassan Sanders, Corea Matthews, Najmah Nelson, Ricky



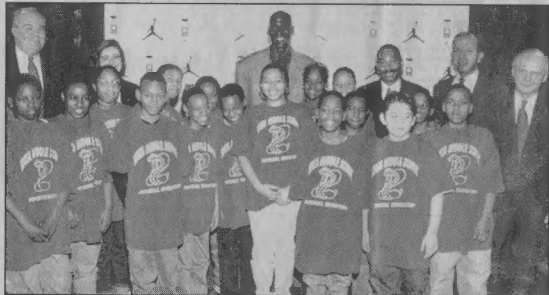
Plainfield middle school swim team members are presented with a resolution from the city for their undefeated season.

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Shelton, Marquette Shelton, Faiska Sterling, Jodice Stewart, Kambica Stewart, Richard Stewart, Adam Timbela, Angela Wiggs, and Kyle Williams.

## Michael Jordan launches grant program for teachers



Students gather around NBA legend Michael Jordan as he announces his educational grant program for teachers.

WASHINGTON — Continuing his efforts to support education and provide quality role models and mentors for children, Michael Jordan, speaking as head of the JORDAN brand, announced the launch of the "Jordan Fundamentals," an education grants program for teachers. Administered by the National Foundation for the Improvement of Education (NFIE), the "Jordan Fundamentals" provides grants for teachers in public secondary schools that serve disadvantaged students.

Recently, at John Philip Sousa middle school in southeast Washington, Jordan said that the grants program will be funded by a portion of the proceeds from the JORDAN brand, specifically a minimum donation of \$1 million a year for the next five years. Jordan said he hoped to

encourage more mentor-like roles for teachers of under served students. In its first year, the program will make 400 awards of \$2,500 each available to teachers. The first round of grants will be awarded in mid-September; the deadline for that round of applications is May 15.

Contact The National Foundation for the Improvement of Education at 202-822-7840 or email them at www.nfie.org.

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## Closer look at Soaries

Soaries continued from page one

"When I took the position, while I respect Lonna Hooks, I didn't respect the office of secretary of state very much," he said.

Other than my personal interaction with Lonna, I didn't invest much in the position. I mean I'm in housing, urban development, youth programs. It didn't really interest me."

The more he learned, however, the better the fit. "Now, of course, there are many things I just didn't know about. I have a deep interest in the arts and the state has a great involvement in the arts."

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"become fodder for partisan debate."

The governor had some passion but no significant program — so that every ethnic group and every religious group will have a legitimate stake in what happens in New Jersey and has unlimited access to the state government. I constructed a program, expanded a slogan into concrete goals and activities," which he said he will reveal shortly.

Another Whitman initiative, dealing with personal responsibility, Soaries has been involved in since Whitman years ago invited religious leaders to address the killings of a young Franklin Lakes' own baby and a pizza delivery man lured to his death by two young males.

"Here I am with these two themes and a blank slate. I've been speaking to young people for 20 years about violence, sex, alcohol ... Almost everything I believe in as a person can be articulated through these programs."

He has since restructured his office to better serve people who need access to the government in general, using the governor's Newark and Camden offices for community-based dialog far more than previous secretaries of state. "It's more of a user-friendly way for people in those regions to stay in touch."

With a new position in the state government, Soaries has given up his day-to-day management of the church to help heal the state issues of New Jersey.

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## NJ TRANSIT PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ TRANSIT) is conducting public hearings in order to gather information and receive comments from interested parties concerning proposed development projects to the Southern and Gloucester Counties Transportation Assistance Act (SCGTAP). A hearing will be held at each geographic region in accordance with Section 1584 of the SCGTAP. Each hearing will be held on a Monday and evening session. The locations are: Somerville, Atlantic City and Jersey City, New Jersey in accordance with the statute.

The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance Program funds capital equipment, administrative expenses for locally coordinated paratransit services for senior citizens and people with disabilities. The program also funds accessible improvements to NJ TRANSIT's fixed route bus and rail system, the provision of technical assistance to the counties and the administration of the statewide program. The hearings will also provide an update on NJ TRANSIT's progress in implementing its Associates with Disabilities Act accessibility requirements including Access Link paratransit and key rail stations. All materials to be reviewed at these hearings are available in accessible formats on request. Individuals requesting sign language interpreters should contact Albert R. Washburn, III, at (973) 491-7022 no later than five (5) business days prior to the public hearing or an interpreter will not be available for the particular hearing.

The public is invited to these hearings at which time they will have a full opportunity to express their views. In order to assure that all members of the public are given an opportunity to be heard, initial presentations will be limited to five (5) minutes. If you are unable to attend any of the hearings, written comments to the record may be sent to Albert R. Washburn, III, New Jersey Transit Corporation, One Plaza East, Newark, New Jersey 07102-2246 by May 7, 1999, in accordance with the above statute; public hearings will be held as follows:

**CENTRAL REGION:**  
PLACE: Somerset County Office  
Aspenway/Training Room  
40 N. Bridge Street  
Somerville, NJ 08876  
DATE: April 27, 1999, Tuesday  
TIME: 2:00 pm - Conclusion (Afternoon Session)  
6:00 pm - Conclusion (Evening Session)

**SOUTHERN REGION:**  
PLACE: Atlantic County Office Building  
Atlantic  
1333 Atlantic Avenue  
(Corner of Atlantic and Tennessee)  
Atlantic City, NJ 08401  
DATE: April 29, 1999, Wednesday  
TIME: 2:00 pm - Conclusion (Afternoon Session)  
6:00 pm - Conclusion (Evening Session)

**NORTHERN REGION:**  
PLACE: Hudson County Administration Annex Bldg.  
Freshfields Meeting Room, 4th Floor  
567 Pavonia Avenue  
Jersey City, NJ 07310  
DATE: May 4, 1999, Thursday  
TIME: 2:00 pm - Conclusion (Afternoon Session)  
6:00 pm - Conclusion (Evening Session)

STANLEY J. ROSENBLUM  
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## NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Hobbs is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick for General Contractors to Remove and Replace the City Garage and perform Renovations to the Entry, Foyer, and Community Room of Hoffman Pavilion (No. 22-4). FUNDED FROM The Operating Budget FY 98-99.

Bids for the above will be received by the Housing Authority at its office located at 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08901, on or before the date, April 10, 1999 and will immediately be opened and read aloud.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, General Conditions, Supplemental Conditions, Specifications, and other Contract Documents will be on file during the business day, at the Housing Authority Office located at 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Copies thereof may be obtained upon paying a non-refundable deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) for each complete set. Deposit checks must be made payable to the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 1999, AT 11:00 A.M. PRE-VALUING TIME IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM, SCHWARTZ HOMES, 18 VAN DYKE AVENUE, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY.

All required bids, certifications and other forms

required to be submitted by bidders are to be prepared on the proposed forms found in the booklet, submitted in triplicate, and to the following amount:

Amount of Bid	Bid Surety Amount
Up to \$200,000.00	10% of Bid
\$200,000.00 up to \$400,000.00	\$20,000.00
Over \$400,000.00	5% of Bid

All bonds used to assist the bid surety requirements must be issued by surety firms licensed to issue such bonds in the State of New Jersey and be listed in the U.S. Treasury Circular No. 270 (Listed Surety) and regardless of the method the bidder proposes to meet the bid surety requirement, it must also provide as a surety company does not satisfy the foregoing requirements that the surety company be listed as approved as surety.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, where any information in the bids received and to accept any bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority. The Authority may also award one or more contracts to one or more bidders.

Bids will remain in force for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the opening thereof.

By Order of  
Kevin Quane  
Executive Director  
Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick  
\$140.87

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

LEGAL NOTICE  
WOODBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, Middlesex County, New Jersey, at the Administrative Office of the Authority, located at 20 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, NJ on Wednesday, April 14, 1999 at 9:30 A.M. prevailing time. All bids shall be delivered by hand. All bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at that time. The Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in bids and to reject any and all bids it is in the best interest of the Authority to do so.

Separate sealed bids for:

CONTRACT CO. - VENTILATION

A pre-bid conference will be held at Granter Towers located at 460 Irvington Avenue, Colonia, NJ on Monday, April 19, 1999 at 9:30 A.M.

All work incidental thereto, including but not limited to the placement and modifications to existing roof and fans and control wiring at various buildings and as required in accordance with the Project Manual.

Bids must be accompanied by certified cost of materials of either a check or Bid Bond is submitted. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish an acceptable Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bond. All Bonds and consents of Surety must be written by Surety Companies listed in the U.S. Treasury Circular No. 270, United States Department of the Treasury.

The Contract Documents are on file and may be examined at the Administrative Office of The Housing Authority. Copies of the Contract Documents may also be obtained at said office upon payment by check or bank draft in the amount of \$100.00 payable to The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge for each set. Payment for Documents is non-refundable. Documents will not be mailed.

Bidders must be authorized to do business in New Jersey. Any Bidder which is a corporation not chartered under the laws of the State of New Jersey, must obtain a valid Certificate of Incorporation. It is authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of Public Law 1975, c. 127 which pertains to "Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action," and Public Law 1977, c. 33, which requires a Statement of Corporate Ownership.

Peter Anars  
Executive Director  
Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge  
20 Burns Lane  
Woodbridge, NJ 07095  
\$140.29

## PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE HOUSING AUTHORITY AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONTRACT.

The Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge, New Jersey, has awarded the following contract by Resolution under competitive proposals procedure as more fully described at 24CFR 55.36 and PH 90-47 and as "Professional Services" were not required to be bid under New Jersey Local Public Contracts Law. The contracts and resolutions are available for inspection in the Office of the Executive Director, 20 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095-1285.

Resolution #1349 adopted 3/1/99  
Awarded to: Nathan Lane Agency, 543 Goffie Road, York, PA 17401  
Services: Insurance Coverage  
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\$145.00

## NOTICE TO BIDDERS TOWNSHIP OF WOODBRIDGE MIDDLESEX COUNTY NEW JERSEY

Sealed proposals will be received by the Township of Woodbridge, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, at the Purchasing Department, One Main Street, Woodbridge, NJ on Tuesday, April 13, 1999 10 a.m. at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

## CONTRACTORS PRICING FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

This project, being completely or partially funded with Community Development Block Grant moneys, is subject to the requirement of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act, whereby, the Contractor shall, to the greatest extent feasible, attempt to retain and/or hire lower-income residents of the project area and to utilize business concerns which are located or owned or substantially part by persons residing within the Township of Woodbridge in which the project is located.

Proposal Form, Specifications and Instructions to Bidders may be obtained at the Office of Purchasing, One Main Street, Woodbridge, New Jersey. Each Proposal must be addressed in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the bidder, endorsed and addressed to the Township of Woodbridge, One Main Street, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095.

All Proposals submitted by corporation or partnerships shall submit a list of those stockholders owning ten percent (10%) or more interest in the firm in accordance with P.L. 1977, c. 33. The successful bidder shall be required to complete a detailed schedule of work under New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150, Laws of 1983. The Township of Woodbridge hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal in its judgment best serves its interests.

Frank DeStefano  
Purchasing Agent  
James M. Day  
Business Administrator  
\$10.98

## INVITATION FOR BID Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge ASBESTOS REMOVAL ROOFER REPLACEMENTS

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge (hereinafter called the "Authority") will receive sealed bids to furnish labor and materials for the removal and replacement of existing roof and/or the existing Park Housing Developments listed below.

NO. 33 - 55 Brook Street, Woodbridge  
NO. 33 - 1420 or more interest in the firm in accordance with P.L. 1977, c. 33. The successful bidder shall be required to complete a detailed schedule of work under New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, Chapter 150, Laws of 1983. The Township of Woodbridge hereby reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to award the contract to any bidder whose proposal in its judgment best serves its interests.

All of facilities and existing equipment will be constructed at 9:00 AM on March 30, 1999 at Cooper Towers, 1422 Oak Tree Road, Iselin, New Jersey. The purpose of this conference is to inspect the sites and existing systems. This will be the only opportunity provided to do so.

Bidding documents, including specification, may be obtained at the Administration Office located at 20 Burns Lane, Woodbridge, NJ on weekdays between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, excluding holidays. A \$125 non-refundable deposit is required (check or money order only).

All bidders will be required to submit a certified or cashiers check in the amount of the Authority for ten percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, not less than \$500.00, to be held in a bank account established by a surety company authorized to do business by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development in the State of New Jersey as set forth in HUD Circular 570.

An appropriate surety company by a surety company qualified to do business in the State of New Jersey by HUD and on the approved list pending shall become Surety for full and faithful performance of the contract in the amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract for the protection of all persons furnishing materials and labor for fulfillment of the contract is also required in all cases. A contract of surety must be submitted with either type of security (10% of bid amount, but not more than \$200,000) including a certified or cashiers check and/or bid bond.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance and Payment Bond or Bonds in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price.

Bids will remain in force for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of opening of the bids. The Authority reserves the right to accept bids for one or both sites, and to reject any or all bids and to waive any minor irregularities in the bids.

For further information contact Peter J. Anars, Executive Director at Phone: (732) 634-2750 or Fax: (732) 634-9421.

Peter J. Anars, Executive Director  
Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge  
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